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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CONGRESSIONAL AIDES ROBERTO PELLEYA AND VISTOR

R. PUIG

REF: MANAGUA 3450

1. CHARGE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL MARONING AUGUST 1 FROM ELI FEINBERG, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO SENATOR STONE, CONCERNING VISIT TO NICARAGUA OF ROBERTO PELLEYA. FEINBERG WAS HIGHLY AGITATED AND SAID THAT CONSTITUENTS INFLORIDA HAD INFORMED SENATOR'S STONES OFFICE THAT PELLEYA WAS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT TO GON AND PRESIDENT SOMOZA IN HIS STATEMENTS TO NICARAGUANS ABOUT POLITICAL SITUATION IN NICARAGUA. FEINBERG SIAD THAT THE WANTED TO ASSURE EMBASSY THAT PELLEYA HAD NO OFFICIAL STATUS AND WAS NO LONGER EMPLOYED BY SENATOR STONE, AND THAT HE HAD BEEN ONLY A TEMPORARY INTERN.

2. CHARGE SAID THAT AMBASSADOR SOLAUN HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SENATOR STONE REFERRING TO PELLEYA AS "A LEGIS-
ATIVE AIDE ON MY STAFF" BUT THAT "MR. PELLEYA IS NOT
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ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND WILL BE ON A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM SENATE EMPLOYMENT. THE SENATOR HAD WRITTEN THAT HE WOULD "APPRECIATE ANY COURTESIES THAT YOU MAY EXTEND TO HIM" AND THAT HE "WILL BE WRITING A REPORT TO ME ABOUT HIS OBSERVATIONS ON THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN NICARAGUA." CHARGE SAID THAT, ACCORDINGLY , THE EMBASSY HAD PROVIDED PELLEYA WITH ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINT-

MENS AND THE USE OF A CAR AND DRIVER ON ONE OR TWO OF THESE APPOINTMENTS.

3. FEINBERG REITERATED THAT PELLEA HAD NO OFFICIAL STATUS VIS-A-VIS STONE'S OFFICE, AND SAID THAT HE HAD SO INFORMED AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA IN WASHINGTON. HE THEN ASKED THE CHARGE TO TELL PRESIDENT SOMOZA AS WELL. CHARGE AGREED.

4. DURING CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA (MANAGUA 3513) CHARGE TOLD HIM OF FEINBERG'S CALL. THE PRESIDENT WAS SURPRISED, TOOK NOTE, BUT GAVE IMPRESSION HE DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS THE MATTER ANY FURTHER.

5. DURING DEBRIEFING CALL ON POLOFF, PELLEA LEFT A COPY OF A CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM TO AMB. SOLAUN, WHICH DISCUSSES HIS MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT, MAJOR SOMOZA AND EMINENT BANKER EDUARDO MONTEALEGRE. A COPY HAS BEEN POUCHED TO NICARAGUA DESK OFFICER WELTER.

6. DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH POLOFF, PELLEA SAID THAT HE HAD LEARNED THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH RECENT VISITORS TO WASHINGTON (PRESUMABLY ROBELO, ESTEBAN OR JARQUIN) THAT THEY HAD BEEN TOLD MANY DETAILS OF THE INTERPLAY IN THE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO NICARAGUA. THEY KNEW, FOR EXAMPLE, ABOUT A LETTER FROM CONG. WILSON TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPARTMENT ABOUT IMET, AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO REQUEST AN ORAL BRIEFING RATHER THAN A WRITTEN RESPONSE. THEY ALSO SEEMED TO HAVE A DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF THE POSITIONS ON SOMOZA OF OFFICERS IN VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND POSSIBLY THE NSC.

7. VICTOR R. PUIG ACCOMPANIED PELLEA AT LEAST DURING PART OF HIS VISIT. CONGRESSMAN CLAUDE PEPPER IN HIS LETTER TO AMB. SOLAUN REQUESTING APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE REFERRED TO HIM AS "MY ASSISTANT" AND THAT HE "IS VISITING NICARAGUA BY INVITATION OF THE NICARAGUAN NATIONAL COLLEGE OF ACCOUNTANTS" (COLEGIO NACIONAL DE ACONTADORES DE NICARAGUA). PUIG ACCOMPANIED PELLEA ON HIS INITIAL CALL AT THE EMBASSY. WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS SPONSORSHIP, HE SAID THAT HE WAS REALLY HERE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF GON, THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHICH WERE MADE IN WASHINGTON. BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE TO COME UNDER OFFICIAL GON AUSPICES, IT WAS DECIDED TO USE THE ACCOUNTANT'S ASSOCIATION AS A COVER. ALTHOUGH BOTH PELLEA AND PUIG WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH A DEBRIEFING BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE, ONLY PELLEA RETURNED. HE DEPARTED FOR MEXICO ON JULY 30.

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